

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention disclosed is a method and apparatus for effecting a personal profile detection system upon handheld organizers, portable information devices (PID's), and other computing devices. The method first provides for the accepting and then storing of personal profile data on a PID and allows for the profile data to be fully customizable by the user. The method then provides for an exchange of information between the first PID and a proximate second PID via short-range RF (Radio Frequency) communications when shared interests exist between the profile data stored on the two PID's. In one embodiment, the exchange of information is user customizable and based upon a determination of shared interests by the first PID in a manner that is also user customizable. The method further provides for the initiation of an event such as the sounding of an alarm and the display of received information.